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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: FUEL SHORTAGES - CANADIAN AIRLINE OPERATIONS

1. MOT OFFICIAL CONCERNED WITH FUEL POLICY QUESTION IN US ADVISED TCO TODAY THAT GOC REVIEW OF SITUATION WITH CARRIERS AND OIL COMPANIES IS PROCEEDING ON INTENSIVE BASIS. ALTHOUGH FULL PICTURE NOT YET AVAILABLE SERIOUS CONCERN DEVELOPING ABOUT ADEQUACY FOR CANADIAN OPERATIONS IN US. FIRST CONCERN RELATES TO NEW EQUIPMENT ON ORDER BY CANADIAN CARRIERS AND INTENDED LARGELY FOR US OPERATIONS. IF ASSURANCE OF FUEL OVER LONGER TERM NOT ADEQUATE, HE NOTED, NEW EQUIPMENT MAY HAVE TO BE RECONSIDERED. SECOND CONCERN RELATES TO FUEL ADEQUACY FOR PRESENT OPERATIONS, PARTICULARLY CHARTERS. AT LEAST ONE REGIONAL CARRIER (PACIFIC WESTERN) WAS ADVISED MOT IT IS NO LONGER ACCEPTING CHARTERS TO US POINTS IN VIEW OF FUEL SITUATION. OTHERS CONSIDER SITUATION TIGHT BUT HAVE NOT HAD TO GO THIS FAR TO DATE.

2. ALLEGATIONS THAT US CARRIERS ARE TOPPING UP WITH FUEL IN CANADA LIKEWISE BEING LOOKED INTO INTENSIVELY. INFORMATION TO DATE SUGGESTS PRACTICE NOT UNDUE.

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HOWEVER, SUPPLIERS THEMSELVES ARE HOLDING US CARRIERS TO

LITERAL TERMS OF OUTSTANDING CONTRACTS AND ARE REJECTING  
REQUESTS FOR AMOUNTS IN EXCESS OF PRESENT CONTRACTS.  
NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE AS TO WHEN WIDE VARIETY CONTRACTS  
EXPIRE, BUT ALL ARE FOR SPECIFIC TIME PERIODS. GOC, HE  
INDICATED, KEEPING SITUATION OF CANADIAN CARRIERS IN US  
UNDER REVIEW IN RELATION TO NATURE OF RENEWALS WHICH MAY  
BE PERMITTED.

3. MOT OFFICIAL ALSO INDICATED DISSATISFACTION WITH WAY  
US DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IS WORKING, PARTICULARLY DISTINCTION  
BETWEEN IN BOND FUEL STOCKS AND REGULAR. FORMER TENDING  
TO BE SHORT MORE THAN LATTER AND CANADIAN CARRIERS NOT  
GETTING MUCH SATISFACTION FROM THEIR REFERRALS BY  
SUPPLIERS TO ENERGY AUTHORITIES AT WASHINGTON.  
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